Admits Tardily the Great Inconvenience of the Open Cut and Talks of "Drifting In." Which Means Blocking the Side streets-Merchants Now All in Line.

It was made clear at yesterday's meeting of the Rapid Transit Commission that August Belmont's threat that unless he uld build a subway down Broadway by the ditching process he would build nothing, will not prevent proper consideration by the commission of the interests of the property owners along the route of the proposed extension of the underground railroad system.

As was told in THE SUN yesterday Mr. Belmont has the idea that only his company can construct an underground railroad under Broadway, between Foureenth and Forty-second streets, and that f he withdraws from the scheme it will fall through because no one else can profitbly compete for the contract. This stand is regarded by the opponents of the ditching process as pure bluff, and the probability is that Mr. Belmont will not get away with it. The Rapid Transit Commissioners presented a resolution yesterday in which it was recognized that the methods hitherto followed in subway construction have caused loss to property owners and the commission's chief engineer is called upon to do away, if possible, with the evils of which complaint has been made. This was the resolution:

Whereas experience has demonstrated that he construction of the underground subway n New York has occasioned great inconrenience to many of the property owners and others doing business along its route,

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Comissioners here present, as it doubtless would be of all the Commissioners were they in ttendance, that in all future operations advantage be taken of every known engineerng method which will tend to obviate the evils complained of, and be it further

Resolved. That the engineer-in-chief of this

commission be and he is hereby directed to ake careful inquiry and report without delay as to every new method in the direction dicated, to the end that all future construcion be conducted either by "drifting in" from the side streets or by the erection of such superstructural supports as will prevent s far as possible interference with the surface of the thoroughfares through which he necessary subways are to pass.

Although the resolution was framed with a view to meet the objections of the Broadway property owners, it does not provide for the building of an underground railroad by the tunnelling process. Should he "drifting in" proposition be adopted will mean that shafts will be sunk in side streets. As these shafts will necessarily have to be sunk in the middle of the roadways the side streets will be blocked. Proof of this is to be found in oralemon street, Brooklyn, where a shaft or the new Brooklyn tunnel has been dug. In consequence of the upheaval of the street and of the noise occasioned by the carting away of the excavated material, the residents of the street have almost entirely deserted their homes.

The resolution, because of its reference "superstructural supports," is nonommittal, but it is expected to have the effect of impressing upon Engineer Parsons the necessity for so amending his cians as not to require the tearing up of the surface of Broadway.

John H. Starin, who presided over the ommission yesterday in the absence of Alexander E. Orr, presented the resolution. At the close of the meeting he said:

method of building the subway without disturbing the surface and at the same time to provide for a railroad that can be operated in connection with the present subwav.

"I may state frankly that while I advocate a subway near the surface I am opposed to the disturbance of the surface of the roadway. I think that our engineers ought to be able to meet that problem I am in entire sympathy with the merchants of Broadway in their contention that the surface of such an important thoroughfare should not be interfered with, and I am inclined to believe that eventually it will be found that the subway can be constructed without tying up traffic on Broadway "

The one name missing from the list of Broadway tenants in the protest to the Mayor against a ditch in Broadway was added yesterday afternoon. George Taylor of Aitken, Son & Co. attended the meeting of the committee of fifty at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. When Chairman Al Hayman explained the nature of the protest Mr. Taylor said: "Our firm did not sign the protest because we thought it might mean a hostility to a subway in Broadway; but now that we understand it I shall take pleasure in adding the name to the docu-

As Mr. Taylor wrote the signature Chairman Hayman announced that this was the one missing signature on the protest and that now every tenant and property owner the fifty-three blocks on both sides of Broadway was in line against the ditch.

In opening the meeting Mr. Hayman said: "Mr. Belmont and the Interborough company are quoted in to-dry's papers as saying that if they cannot ditch Broadway they will not go through Broadway but will endeavor to go through Seventh avenue or abandon the subway project hetween Forty-second street and Foureenth street altogether. How can Mr. Belmont and the Interborough company dictate to the people how this improvement shall be made?

"These people formed a construction ompany which is building a subway. They also formed a company to operate it when it is done. They have leased the elevated roads and have given a guarantee of 7 per cent. dividends thereon, and are now controlling the highways overhead and underground. For the sake of some small profit they want to construct this branch in a manner that threatens to bankmpt interests in which hundreds of mil-

lions of dollars are represented. "Is there in the great city of New York no engineer capable of suggesting a method of tunnelling this short section so as not to upset business in the heart of the town?

"If the tunnel can't come down Broad-*ay except in the ditch then we don't want he subway. If I owned property in Seventh avenue I would fight just as hard against the open cut through that street.

My partners and myself own and pay taxes on property valued at \$5,000,000. Have we no rights? We think we have, and, if necessary, to beat this ditch we will go to the Mayor, to the Board of Aldermen, to the Supreme Court and to the Legislature. This protest now has more than 500 signatures representing the solid body of men in Broadway who do business there and the men who own the real estate." Mr. Hayman then read the names of some

of the signers. The list is the sign pro-

cession of Broadway, backed by the names | CHILD DRIFTS FAR OUT TO SEA

of the owners of the property. Marc Klaw of the theatrical firm of Klaw t Erlanger moved that a committee of twenty be appointed to present the protest to the Mayor. Mr. Hayman named the committee as follows:

W. R. H. MARTIN of Rogers, Peet & Co. EDWARD HATCH, JR., of Lord & Taylor. JOHN S. HUYLER of Huyler's. JOHN B. MARTIN of the Café Martin GRORGE TAYLOR of Altken, Son & Co.

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As soon as Mayor Low gets home the committee will present the protest to him. Meantime the committee adjourned, subject to the call of the chair.

FIREMAN FALSE ALARM FIEND? Jersey City Chief's Driver Suspended on That Charge.

Chief John Conway of the Jersey City Fire Department has suspended his own driver, Walter Hartwick, on a charge of sending in false alarms. The accusation was made by John Speicher, the inspector of the fire alarm telegraph, who says he believes Hartwick was responsible for several false alarms since Aug. 1. The driver denies the charge and says he can easily convince the Fire Commissioners that he is innocent

When the police failed to catch the falsealarm flend, Chief Conway concluded that the alarm system was out of order and directed Speicher to make an examination of the wires. Speicher gave the system a thorough overhauling and made up his mind that somebody connected with the department was having fun sending fire-

men on wild-goose chases.

On Aug. 10 Speicher reached the quarters of Engine 7 in Summit avenue as the firemen were returning from a false alarm, which had apparently been sent in from box 472. He crossed the street to Hartbox 472. He crossed the street to Hart-wick's home and knocked at the door, but received no response. He says that he heard some one winding up a fire-alarm gong inside and a few minutes later Hart-wick put in an appearance. Speicher told the chief that he had fixed the wires attached to Hartwick's gong in order to de-tect if they had been tampered with and e was positive that the driver had sent in

Chief Conway says that he has always found Hartwick a reliable man. He also says he knows that his driver was sitting in front of the quarters of Engine 7 one day when one of the false alarms credited to Hartwick was sounded. to Hartwick was sounded.

BURGLAR CHASE IN FLATBUSH. Policeman Is Wounded and Thief Escapes. Leaving His Plunder.

Policeman William Slattery of the Grant street station, in the Flatbush district of Brooklyn, was in Albemarle road near Flatbush avenue early vesterday morning when he saw a man, who it turned out was a burglar, approaching him with a big bundle. The burglar stopped when within a few feet of the policeman and, pulling his revolver, fired three shots, one of which hit Slattery in the left arm.

The burglar then dropped his bundle and ran across the grounds of the house at 975 Flatbush avenue. Slattery followed and shot several times at the burglar, but the latter ran like a deer and, after firing two more shots at the policeman, climbed a fence and got away. The reserves of the Grant street street street at the policeman and the first street street at the policeman and the first street street street at the policeman and the first street stree

"The Rapid Transit Commission is as much averse as any one to blockading such a thoroughfare as Broadway. I am hopeful that we will be able to say the house at 261 Marlborough road, which is the house at 261 Mariborough road, which is occupied by George H. Follwell, secretary to Supreme Court Justice Jenks, and Adam Catterall's house at 171 Mariborough road. From the fact that not all of the booty taken from the houses was found in the

taken from the houses was found in the bundle the police think there were two burglars. They helped theruselves to some food in the Follwell house.

Policeman Slattery, whose wound will keep him from duty for several days, is a good revolver shot. He thinks he may have winged the burglar.

SMOKED NEAR GUNPOWDER. Plainfield Man Terribly Burned Before Companions Put Out Blaze.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Aug. 13.-Joseph McCallum of Sherman avenue, this city, was severely burned yesterday afternoon while on a hunting expedition. He had thrown away two pounds of gunpowder, thrown away two pounds of gunpowder, and, while lighting a cigar, the head of a match dropped into it. In an instant his clothes were ablaze. Not a hair was left on his head, one eye was so injured that the sight will be lost and his arms and back were terribly blistered. His companions extinguished his blazing clothes by carrying water in their hats from a nearby brook.

Interesting Sporting Paper.

The current number of the Illustrated Sporting News is of great interest to those interested in sports, affoat and ashore, because of the timeliness of the subjects discussed. Sir Thomas Lipton has often said he expected to lift the Cup, but he said he expected to lift the Cup, but he has never before gone so exhaustively into his reasons for this belief. His article is one of remarkable interest at this time. John Kendrick Bangs has written a humorous account of the people who follow the yachts in excursion e boats and John R. Spears has an article on the evolution of Spears has an article on the evolution of a Cup yacht. Hartley Davis's account of a Cup yacht. Hartley Davis's account of the breaks of a new yachtsman makes the *Hlustrated Sporting News* almost a yachting number; but there is plenty of other interesting sporting news, including a story on the Saratoga races, with some interesting pictures, and an account of the English tennis players who recently beat the Americans in Boston.

Assistant Corporation Counsel Blackwell yesterday applied to Supreme Court Justice Cochrane in Brooklyn for permission to nake certain borings and surveys on these lands, in order that the city might prepare for trial. The farmers allege that their crops have been destroyed because the water was drawn off. Justice Coohrane

reserved decision. Well-Known Young Chicago Man Missing. CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—Paul C. Meier, the son of Civil Service Commissioner Christian Meier, has disappeared. He is 23 years old and has always been of quiet and studious habits, standing high in his law class. Young Meier returned last Sunday with a party of friends from Fox Lake, where he had spent two weeks. He accompanied one of the young women of the party to her home in Austin, leaving her at about 10 o'clock. A few minutes later he was seen in a station of the Lake street elevated road, ind that is as far as the police have been

Artimisia Is Now Miss Cora Garffeld.

Artimisia Folerie, a telegraph operator living at 105 Hudson street, Hoboken, has had her name legally changed to Cora Folerie Garfield, because, she says, the name of the dead President reminds her of a good and great man.

ALONE A WEEK AT LEAST, STARV-ING IN AN OPEN BOAT.

Small Naked Cuban Castaway Picked Out of a Stolen Fishing Boat in the Gulf Stream 540 Miles From Home and Brought Here by Galveston Steamer.

José Vega, a little shaver of a Cuban, 12 years old, is in St. Vincent's Hospital recovering from the effects of six days of exposure and starvation in a dory adrift in the Gulf Stream. He has not only lived through an experience that hardy mariners wouldn't be ashamed of as an event worth mentioning, but he'll get well in a week or so, the doctors say, and be sent back to Cuba to tell his story to Juan and Andrés,

if they are alive. Juan and Andrés are José's two play mates, with whom he stole the dory in San Lazaro harbor, probably ten days ago (José thinks it must have been years ago), to go out fishing for an hour or two. San

Lazaro is a small port near Havana. José, naked and near death, with almost every bone in his little body showing what starvation had done for him, was 540 miles away from home last Monday when his dory was sighted by the officers on the bridge of the steamship El Dorado, bound from Galveston to New York. Then he was saved, and none too soon. Another day would have finished him. The shild was so emaciated that he weighed only 65 pounds. His body was blistered from head to foot by the sun. He was covered with salt-water boils. He had begun to chew

his shirt for food. The story of the rescue, as told in Capt. Prescott's log was as follows:

Aug. 10, 3:15 P. M., latitude 30 degrees 40 minutes north longitude 70 degrees 23 minutes west.—Sighted small dory or dugout three miles off port bow. Bore down on dory and lowered small boat. Crew found small boy. Too weak to tell his story. Probably drifted out from Georgia coast, 100 miles off. Two days later Capt. Prescott was able to enter this correction in his log:

Aug. 10.—Small boy picked up on Aug. 10 is José Vega, 12 years old, from San Lazaro, near Havana. Says he was adrift five or six days. Was probably out seven or eight days. Had drifted 540 miles on Gulf Stream. By the time the El Dorado reached this port yesterday three days of good food and careful nursing had brought little José around so that he was able to tell about his adventure, which began with Juan and Andrés and ended with the rescue at see. The dory was hauled on board the El Dorado when José was rescued and was brought to New York. The name painted on the stern is Relampago, which means lightning, and on the bow is a harbor license number, F 2340.

Despite his condition, little José grinned distinctly when one of the sailors who had been assigned to watch him asked him where he got his boat. It was his first grin after the heroic work of the ship's doctors had brought the life back into his wasted body, and it was a good hearty one, for the recollection of how he and his comrades stole the boat of old Pedro, the fisher man, was still funny, notwithstanding the days of suffering the prank had brought to him. The sailor who asked the question spoke Spanish, of course, and José answered his questions as fast as his feeble condition would allow. Gradually the enstory of his involuntary voyage

was brought out. Juan, said the little fellow, is Juan Values, and Andrés, Andrés Rojas. The three boys were in swimming when they spied the boat of old Pedro, the fisherman, who

While the boys were dressing after their swim, they planned to steal the boat for an afternoon of sailing and fishing, and when Pedro went up the beach they shoved it out into deep water and jumped in. Juan and Andrés declared that they knew how to sail a boat, but José soon discovered that they did not. When he cried to be taken home they called him a baby. But pretty soon the wind began to blow, the pretty soon the wind began to blow, the mast snapped off short and, with the sail, went overboard. Juan, in trying to save the sail, cut his hand on a rope and Andres fell down on the slippery seat and bust his

The multiplicity of misfortunes moved even the stalwart Juan and Andrés to tears. Still Andrés said that the tide would carry them back to the beach sooner or later and that meantime they must do what all ship-wrecked persons did, make an even division

wrecked persons did, make an even division of the food supply. The food supply was a mass of bait, which was divided into three heaps and partaken of sparingly. The boys were not hungry, but a shipwrecked sailor must play the game.

Meantime, according to the account of little José, Cuba faded in the distance. The masts of the fishing boats in San Lazaro harbor disappeared and Morro and Cabanas were no larger than the buts of old Pedro and his brother. And once more Juan and Andrés became alarmed, more Juan and Andrés became alarmed, and talked of swimming back home. But José says that as he could swim only half the distance that the others could be begged them to stay with him. As a compromise measure Andrés suggested that they pray. They prayed as eloquently as they could, but the current did not seem to turn. So Andrés declared that on the appearance Andres declared that on the appearance of ten stars he was going to swim for it, and Juan said he would go to. They told José that they would send a boat out for him, and José says he cried and begged them not to leave him, but they wouldn't

A hundred stars came out, when Andrés stripped himself of his clothing and told Juan to do the same thing. Then they said a prayer, says José, and plunged into the sea. He saw them swimming side by side for an eighth of a mile, then the darkness closed in on them and the little twelve-year-old was alone in the night.

The little fellow's story from this time on as repeated by the sailor who got it from him yesterday is one of pitiful suffering. He was alone on the ocean for days, with no water and only a few fragments of A hundred stars came out, when Andrés

with no water and only a few fragments of bait for food. The boat that Andrés and Juan had promised to send for him never came. He ate some of the bait and it made him sick. He ate more of it after a while, and it made him sicker, but he managed finally to keep some of it down.

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All day long he broiled in the sun, and all night long he suffered from cold. The clothes of Andrés and Juan, he said, he threw overboard in a fit of rage at their desertion of him and failure to send a boat desertion of him and failure to send a boat after him. The second day he saw ships in the distance and yelled and waved his arms at them, but they passed out of his sight. He drank sea water and it made him sick. He got a little relief finally when a shower passed and a little pool of rain water formed in the bottom of the boat.

When his hunger got so he couldn't stand it any longer he chewed his shirt, and for two days before he was picked up by two days before he was picked up by the steamer, he says, had been chewing

ARCHITECT COBB SAYS

That It's Just as Well Secretary Shaw Got

Somebody With Less Reputation. Henry Ives Cobb, the architect, whose services in connection with the construction of the new Federal building at Chicago

tion of the new rederal building at Chicago have been dispensed with by the Secretary of the Treasury, said yesterday:

"I was appointed a 'special architect' under a special act of Congress and served under Secretaries Carlisle and Gage. As to the rupture between Secretary Shaw and myself, I have only to say that his methods do not conform with my ideas, and it is better that he should work with some one who has less professional repusome one who has less professional repu-tation at stake."

Confederate Monument Hit by Lightning. NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 13.-One of the worst electric rainstorms known for years has occurred in north Louisiana. At Monroe the lower part of the town was flooded. During the storm the Confederate monument was struck and the marble figure of the Confederate soldier surmounting it was shattaged. ing it was shattered

ILL BUT SENT FROM BELLEVUE. Woman Who'd Tried Suicide Unable to

Stand When Arraigned in Court. Katherine Walsh, who jumped from a window on the sixth floor of the Blackburn Hotel, at Sixty-first street and Columbus avenue, last Friday night, was discharged from Bellevue Hospital yesterday morning and arraigned in the West Side court. The woman was so weak that Magistrate Mayo sent her back to Bellevue. The Magistrate was very angry that the

woman should have been allowed to leave the hospital and announced that he would lay the case before Commissioner of Charities Hynes.
When the woman jumped from the window she landed in a water tank. Her ankle was sprained and she was badly bruised. She says that little was done for her at the hospital, and that she was put into the alcoholic ward.

Yesterday some one at the hospital tele-phoned to the West Sixty-eighth street station that the woman was to be dis-charged, and Patrolman Keller was sent to take charge of her. When he tried to take her away he found that she was till wearing a plaster cast about her ankle and that she was not able to stand. He was obliged to send for a patrol wagon. Assistant Superintendent Rickard of Assistant Superintendent Rickard of Bellevue said yesterday afternoon that he did not care to make a statement in the absence of Supt. Mabon. The case was in the hands of the Committee of Medical Inspection, he said. Dr. Warren, who was in charge of the ward to which the woman was admitted, has been asked to submit a written report. written report.

FUNERAL OF WILLIAM E. DODGE. Many Prominent New Yorkers and Representatives of Organizations Attend.

YONKERS, N. Y., Aug. 13.-The funeral of the late William E. Dodge took place this morning from his late residence in Riverdale. The funeral services were held in the Presbyterian church at that place. The Rev. Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hall, president of the Union Theological Seminary, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Dr. A. Woodruff Hail. The floral offerings were many and included pieces from the Museum of Art, Chamber of Commerce, New England Society and the Union League Club, of which Mr. Dodge was a prominent member. A special train from New York city

men who composed committees representing the Chamber of Commerce, the New England Society and the Union League

brought about one hundred prominent

Club.

Among those present were Morris K.
Jesup, J. Pierpont Morgan, John T. Terry,
John Claffin, Whitelaw Reid, Clement A.
Griscom, A. J. Cassatt, Marshall Field,
James G. Cannon, J. Edward Simmons,
Gustav H. Schwab, A. B. Hepburn, George
F. Seward, Alexander E. Orr, Cornelius N.
Bliss, Vernon H. Brown, George R. Sheldon,
John W. Griggs, William D. Guthrie, Samuel
W. Fairchild and Justice John Proctor
Clarke. The interment was in Woodlawn

YOUTH NAMED CORESPONDENT mate of His Children

George Hudson, a clerk in the Paymoster's office of the United States Navy, at present stationed at the League Island Navy Yard, has begun an action against his wife, Ella Olivia Hudson for an absolute divorce. The couple were married in Key West in 1885 and have five children. He names William Freeman, 20 years old, as the co-

respondent.
Mrs. Hudson, through her counsel, will the boat of old Pedro, the fisherman, who doesn't like small boys. There were a mast in the boar, a sail ready to be set, oars for the rowing and plenty of bait for Pedro's day of fishing.

While the boys were dressing after their swim, they planned to steal the boat for an swim, they planned to steal the boat for an incomplete the poly and that in 1901, when the gets complained of are alleged to have trken place, he was attending school with her children. She is living with her father in Key West and says she is without means of support, while her husband has a salary of

Another Prison Van in an Accident While a prison van was going from the Street Inil in Brooklyn vesterday the axle broke in front of Borough Hall The eight prisoners inside were thrown into a heap in one corner of the vehicle but nobody was burt except the driver.

New Deputy Fire Chiefs.

Fire Commissioner Sturgis yesterday promoted John Binns, Frederick W. Gooderson, Jr., and John J. Burns, battalion erson, Jr., and John J. Burns, Dattalion chiefs, to be deputy chiefs. Foremen John F. King of Truck 1, M. M. Coleman of Truck 3, Patrick Maher of Engine 101 and John F. Devanny of Engine 29 were advanced to battalion chiefs.

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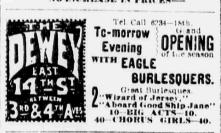
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